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SUBJ: KOREA IN UNGA: COSPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION:

IVORY COAST

REFERENCE: STATE 217373

1. EMBASSY POLOFF CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
AMBASSADOR ANOMA KANIE SEPTEMBER 8 TO CONVEY POINTS CONTAINED
REFTEL ON KOREA AND TO ASK GOIC TO CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

2. KANIE SAID A SIMILAR REQUEST FROM SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR
HAD ALSO BEEN RECEIVED AND WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION PENDING
A REVIEW BY FONMIN USHER WHO IS
IN MEXICO FOR DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE. KANIE CITED HISTORICALLY
FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF IVORY COAST WITH SOUTH KOREA INCLUDING
VOTE FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION AT
LAST YEAR'S UNGA. KANIE SAID HE FORESAW NO CHANGE IN GOIC
STANCE ON KOREA. AT SAME TIME, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, KANIE SAID
HE THOUGHT IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY GOIC WOULD COSPONSOR FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION. HISTORICALLY IVORY COAST HAS NOT COSPONSORED
RESOLUTIONS ON KOREA OR MOST OTHER ISSUES NOT OF DIRECT AFRICAN
INTEREST. TO DO SO THIS TIME WOULD BE AT SOME COST TO IVORY
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COAST WITH A NUMBER OF OAU AND OTHER THIRD-WORLD NATIONS WHICH

ALREADY CRITICAL OF GOIC FOR ITS FRIENDLY STANCE TOWARD SOUTH KOREA. KANIE SAID HE WOULD PASS US REQUEST TO MINISTER FOR DECISION. EMBOFF ASKED FOR EARLY REPLY.

3. COMMENT: IN LATER CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, KANIE EMNTIONED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD GOIC UN AMBASSADOR SIMEON AKE HAD ACCEPTED NORTH KOREAN INVITATION TO VISIT PYONGYANG. IN VIEW OF THIS AND OTHER RECENT INCREASED CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES, EMBASSY IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT IVORY COAST CAN BE PERSUADED TO COSPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. ROK AMBASSADOR WOO-SUK HAN ALSO TOLD CHARGE FOLLOWING HIS APPROACH TO GOIC THAT HE WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR IVORY COAST CO-SPONSORSHIP. END COMMENT.
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